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Dear Colonel Rasmussen,

There follows a paragraph quoted from a memorandum from the Director of Naval Intelligence dated 21 October 1944:

"As for enlisted translators, the U.S. Navy has none. All Navy translators are commissioned officer graduates of the Navy School at Boulder who have completed the equivalent of the Army School at Savage plus the remaining four books in the full seven book curriculum of the Navy basic course used at both schools. Boulder graduates have had indoctrination of one month at the Advanced Naval Intelligence School in New York, and two months in actual translating in O.N.I. Five of these can be made available immediately and three additional in the near future. When the flow of air intelligence documents and the work load thereof requires additional personnel, it is hoped more Navy translators can be made available."

It is assumed that due to your familiarity with the subject, that you are fully aware of the exact meaning of the reference to the four books in the full seven book curriculum. Please advise me the exact implications of the paragraph.

Would the Navy personnel trained as indicated therein, be materially better than our graduates of MISLS for document translation work?

Give me as complete information as you can.

Sincerely,

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